

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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EO/AA Employer, M/F/H/V

INVITATION, BID AND ACCEPTANCEBID NO. **SB01827**Date: **04/26/2021**

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions herein stated and attached hereto, will be received at this office until **3:00 P.M. on 05/12/2021** and then publicly opened for furnishing the items and/or services as described below for Nicholls State University.

Signed

Terry G. Dupre, Sr.

Director of Purchasing

The right is reserved to reject all or part of your offer as well as to cancel this entire solicitation

DESCRIPTION**"Pay to Print Management Services"****INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. YOUR BID SHALL BE MADE ON THE ATTACHED BID FORM(S) AND RETURNED WITH THIS "INVITATION" IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE YOUR BID IS SUBMITTED IN. THE ENVELOPE MUST CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE BID TITLE, BID NUMBER, AND THE SCHEDULED RETURN DATE AND TIME. IF THE SOLICITATION REQUIRES THAT THE WORK IN THE SOLICITATION MUST BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED LOUISIANA CONTRACTOR, THEN YOUR LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSE NUMBER MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE THE BID IS SUBMITTED IN.
2. The University cannot accept bids or alterations by wire, phone or facsimile.
3. ALL PRICES ARE TO BE QUOTED COMPLETE AND F.O.B. NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY, THIBODAUX, LA.
4. All prices assumed firm unless otherwise stated.
5. Any bid received after bid closing time will be returned unopened.
6. As a state agency, the University is NOT liable for state sales tax in acted by the State Legislature and in effect at the time of issuance of the order. Do not include federal excise tax unless requested.
8. Unless otherwise specified all bids shall be binding for 30 calendar days from date of bid opening.
9. THIS BID INVITATION SHEET MUST BE SIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.S. 39:1556(53). YOUR SIGNATURE IDENTIFIES YOUR INTENT TO BE BOUND. FAILURE TO SIGN THIS PAGE AND INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR BID RESPONSE MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID NOT BEING CONSIDERED.
10. Additions for packing or other items not quoted will not be allowed.

BIDDER SHOULD FILL IN ALL BLANK SPACES

Terms will be and shipment will be made within _____ days of receipt of order.

BID

In compliance with the above invitation for bids and subject to the conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees if this bid be accepted within _____ days from the date of opening to furnish any or all of the items (or sections) at the price set opposite each item (or section). (In case of a continuing contract this price shall remain in effect until _____.)

Bidder _____

Address _____

Email _____

Signed _____

Title _____

Phone (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____

Federal Tax ID Number: _____

NAME OF BIDDER MUST MATCH NAME ON ATTACHED W9 FORM.**NAME ON W9 FORM MUST AGREE WITH THE NAME ASSIGNED TO FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER PROVIDED.**

Acceptance by NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY, THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA as to items numbered:

Signed _____

Date _____



Nicholls State University

Purchasing Office

P. O. Box 2052 – Thibodaux, LA 70310

985.448.4038 – Fax: 985.448.4921

April 26, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department, NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY, Thibodaux, La. on, **May 12, 2021** at **3:00 P.M.** for:

"Bid Number SB01827 –Pay to Print Management Services"

At which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Copies of the specifications may be obtained in electronic format by visiting the State of Louisiana, Office of State Purchasing, LaPAC Web Site, <http://www.prd1.doa.louisiana.gov/OSP/LaPAC/pubMain.cfm>.

Copies of specifications are on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY, Thibodaux, LA. To obtain a copy of the specifications from Nicholls State University, call (985) 448-4038 or e-mail terry.dupre@nicholls.edu or evelyn.summers@nicholls.edu

Workers Compensation and Employers Liability required under this contract. Evidence of General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance required under this contract.

Bids must be returned to the Purchasing Office in sealed envelopes. Bids must be submitted on the form enclosed with the bid specification, and in strict conformity with the intent of same without modifications. Bids must be signed in ink, dated, and title of person signing the bid should be shown on the bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least thirty (30) days.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities.

Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 38:2212(B)(5) and/or R.S. 39:1594(C)(4).

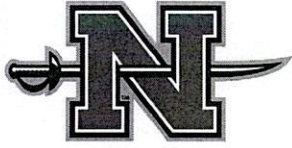
An Equal Opportunity Employer.

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

Terry G. Dupre, Sr.
Director of Purchasing, Property Control
and Support Services Administration

TO BE RUN: April 30th, 2021

BID DUE: May 12, 2021



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NOTICE TO VENDORS INFORMATION FOR STATE OF LOUISIANA HUDSON INITIATIVE

The Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (the Hudson Initiative) was established in accordance with La. R.S. 39:2001- 2008 and La. R.S. 51:931. This is a goal-oriented program which encourages State agencies to contract with certified small entrepreneurships, as well as encouraging contractors who receive contracts from the State to use good faith efforts to utilize certified small entrepreneurships as subcontractors in the performance of the contract. The Hudson Initiative is a race and gender-neutral program. The primary intent of this program is to provide additional opportunities for Louisiana-based small entrepreneurships that are certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to participate in contracting and procurement with the State. The comprehensive rules governing the implementation of the program are located at <http://www.doa.la.gov/pages/osp/se/secv.aspx>. This program is under the auspices of Louisiana Department of Economic Development. All State departments/agencies including the Office of State Procurement, Facility Planning and Control, and the Department of Transportation and Development, as well as colleges and universities, and community and technical colleges are encouraged to participate in this program. The Office of State Procurement facilitates the administration of the program.

Certain procurements will be designated as suitable for participation in the Hudson Initiative. In order to be responsive to the solicitation, the vendor must either be a certified small entrepreneurship, in accordance with La. R.S. 39:2006, or put forth a good faith subcontracting plan to utilize certified small entrepreneurships in the performance of the contract.

In order to assist in locating those small entrepreneurships that are certified by the Department of Economic Development, a "quick reference list" has been compiled, which is arranged alphabetically and by commodity class. This list is automatically refreshed (updated) each time it is opened. The complete list of certified small entrepreneurships is maintained by Louisiana Department of Economic Development, which is responsible for certification of businesses. The list may be accessed here:
<https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/Search>.

Small entrepreneurships that are not currently certified and are interested in participating in procurement and contracting opportunities with the State under the Hudson Initiative are encouraged to visit the Louisiana Economic Development Small Business Certification System at <http://www.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/page/hudson-initiative> for qualification requirements and on-line certification. After certification, businesses are encouraged to register in the LaGov Supplier Portal: https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/anonymous?guest_user=self_reg.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
A Member of the University of Louisiana System**

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The Nicholls State University (NSU) Purchasing Department will receive sealed bids until 3:00 P.M. on the bid opening date specified in the solicitation document. No bid responses will be considered by the NSU Purchasing Department received after 3:00 P.M. on the date specified. Beginning at that time, bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud to those present in the NSU Purchasing Department.

Mail address: Nicholls State University
Purchasing Department
P. O. Box 2052
Thibodaux, LA 70310

Delivery: Nicholls State University
Purchasing Department
906 East First Street
Room 104 Elkins Hall
Thibodaux, LA 70301

Bids submitted are subject to LA R.S. 39:1551-1736; Purchasing Rules and Regulations; Executive Orders; General Conditions; any Special Conditions; and Specifications listed in the solicitation document.

The purpose of this solicitation is to set forth the requirements and specifications of Nicholls State University. The contents of this solicitation and the Bidder/ Vendor/ Contractor's bid response shall become contractual obligations if a contract (purchase order) ensues.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 1) **Bid Forms:** All written bids, unless otherwise provided for, must be submitted on, and in accordance with, forms provided, properly signed in accordance with R.S. 39:1556(53) by an authorized representative of the bidding entity. Bid prices shall be typewritten or in ink. Bids submitted in the following manner will not be accepted: (1) bid contains no signature indicating intent to be bound; (2) bid filled out in pencil; and (3) bid sent by facsimile equipment. Price alterations to bid responses received before bid opening time will be considered provided the written price alteration has been received and time-stamped before bid opening time. Any other alterations of the bid response form or foreign conditions attached thereto may cause rejection of the bid response without further consideration.

The NSU Purchasing Department reserves the right to award items separately, grouped or on an all-or-none basis and to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities.

- 2) **Sealed Envelope:** To assure consideration, all bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The Envelope must contain: THE BID NUMBER, THE DUE DATE AND TIME, AND THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

ADDITIONALLY: THE OUTSIDE OF THE BID ENVELOPE MUST CONTAIN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA CONTRATOR'S LICENSE NUMBER SHOULD THE WORK PROVIDED IN THE SPECIFICATION REQUIRE THAT THE BIDDER BE LICENSED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS IN THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION FOR THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS SPECIFICATION OR THE SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATION IDENTIFIED IN THE ADVERTISEMENT OR THE SPECIFICATION.

THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER SHALL APPEAR FOR ANY BID SUBMITTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 OR MORE. \$10,000.00 OR MORE FOR ELECTRICAL OR MECHANICAL WORK.

FAILURE OF THE BIDDER TO WRITE THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BID ENVELOPE SHALL CAUSE THEIR BID TO BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED AND NOT READ.

- 3) **Standard of Quality:** Any product or service bid shall conform to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations and specifications contained in the solicitation document. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation document, any manufacturer's name, trade name, brand name, or catalog number used in the specifications is for the purpose of describing the quality level and characteristic required. Bidder should specify the brand and model number of the product offered in his bid. Bids not specifying brand and model number shall be considered as offering the exact products specified in the solicitation document.
- 4) **Descriptive Information:** Bidders proposing an equivalent brand or model should submit with the bid response information (such as illustrations, descriptive literature, technical data) sufficient for the University to evaluate quality, suitability, and compliance with the specifications of the solicitation document. Failure to submit descriptive information may cause bid to be rejected. Any change made to a manufacturer's published specification submitted for a product shall be verifiable by the manufacturer. If item(s) bid does not comply with specifications (including brand and/or product number), bidder should state in what respect the item(s) deviate. Failure to note exceptions on the response form will not relieve the successful bidder(s) from supplying the actual products requested.
- 5) **Bid Opening:** Bidders may attend the bid opening, but no information or opinions concerning the ultimate contract award will be given at the bid opening or during the evaluation process. Bids may be examined 72 hours after request is made. Information pertaining to completed files may be secured by visiting the NSU Purchasing Department during normal working hours. Written bid tabulations will not be furnished.
- 6) **Louisiana Preference:** Preference is hereby given to products produced, manufactured, harvested, grown or assembled in Louisiana which are equal in quality to products produced, manufactured, harvested, grown or assembled outside of Louisiana. The bidder shall state his right to claim the ten percent (10%) preference in his bid response on the form provided and the bidder should state the respective Louisiana location where each qualifying item is produced, manufactured, harvested, grown or assembled.

-Instructions to bidders continued-**7) Signature Authority: ATTENTION: .R.S. 39:1594(C)(4) requires evidence of authority to sign and submit bids to the State of Louisiana. You should indicate which of the following apply to the signer of this bid.**

1. The signer of the bid is either a Corporate Officer who is listed on the most current annual report on file with the Secretary of State or a member of a partnership or partnership in Commendam as reflected in the most current Partnership Records on file with the Secretary of State. A copy of the Annual Report or Partnership Record must be submitted to this office before contract award.
2. The signer of the bid is a representative of the Bidder Authorized to submit this bid as evidenced by documents such as, Corporate Resolution, Certification as to Corporate Principal, etc. If this applies, a copy of the Resolution, Certification, or other supportive documents must be attached hereto.
3. The bidder has filed with the Secretary of State an Affidavit or Resolution or other acknowledged/authentic document indicating that the signer is authorized to submit bids for public contracts. A copy of the applicable document must be submitted to this office before contract award.
4. An individual listed on the State of Louisiana Bidder's Application as authorized to execute bids.

By signing the bid, the bidder certifies compliance with the above.

- 8) Addendums:** If an addendum is issued regarding the bid solicitation, it is the responsibility of the bidder, prior to submitting their bid, to periodically visit if any addendums were issued and posted to the State of Louisiana Purchasing Department LaPAC website.
- 9) Bid Bonds:** If a bid bond is required, a bid bond must be submitted for each separate bid response. The bid bond shall be in an amount equal to 5% of the bid price submitted and alternates, if any. The bid security shall be in a form of a bid bond or certified check, or cashiers check.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT A BID BOND MUST BE SIGNED BY THE AGENT OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OF THE SURETY.)

(*) The surety or insurance company furnishing the bid bond shall be currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is licensed to write surety bonds.

FOR THIS BID SOLICITATION:

BID BOND REQUIRED: _____ Yes ☒ No

PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED: _____ YES ☒ NO

PURCHASE WILL BE EXECUTED WITH: ☒ Purchase Order Only

_____ Purchase Order and Formal Two Party Contract

_____ Formal Two Party Contract Only

GENERAL CONDITIONS

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- 1) **Prices:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, bid prices shall be complete, including transportation and handling prepaid by the bidder to destination - NSU, Thibodaux, LA. Bids other than FOB destination may be rejected. Bid prices should be quoted in the unit of measure stated. Bid prices shall be firm for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days, unless otherwise specified by NSU in the solicitation document.
- 2) **Payment Terms:** Cash discounts for less than 30 days may be offered, but will not be considered in determining awards. Bids containing "payment in advance" or "COD" requirements may be rejected. Payment is to be made within 30 days after receipt of properly executed invoice or delivery, whichever is later.
- 3) **Delivery:** Bids may be rejected if the delivery time indicated is longer than that specified in the solicitation document.
- 4) **Taxes:** Bidder is responsible for including all applicable taxes in the bid price. The University is currently exempt from Louisiana State Sales and Use Taxes, and local parish and city taxes. An exemption certificate for state sales and use tax can be provided upon request.
- 5) **New Products:** Unless specifically called for in the solicitation document, all products for purchase must be new, never previously used, and the current model and/or packaging. No remanufactured, demonstrator, used or irregular product will be considered for purchase unless otherwise specified in the solicitation document. The manufacturer's standard warranty will apply unless otherwise stated in solicitation.
- 6) **Default of Contractor:** Failure to deliver within the time specified in the solicitation document will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Where the University has determined the contractor to be in default, the state reserves the right to purchase any or all products or services covered by the contract on the open market and to charge the contractor with cost in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent bid from the defaulting contractor will be considered.
- 7) **Contract Cancellation:** The University shall have the right to cancel any contract, in accordance with Purchasing Rules and Regulations, for cause, including but not limited to, the following: (1) failure of the vendor to deliver within the time specified in the contract; (2) failure of the product or service to meet specifications, conform to sample quality, or to be delivered in good condition; (3) misrepresentation by the contractor; (4) fraud, collusion, conspiracy or other unlawful means of obtaining any contract with the state; (5) conflict of contract provisions with constitutional or statutory provisions of state or federal law; (6) any other breach of contract.
- 8) **Applicable Law:** All contracts shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- 9) **COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHT LAWS:** By submitting and signing this bid, bidder agrees **The contractor agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246 as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended, and contractor agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.**

Contractor agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, disability, or age in any matter relating to employment. Any act of discrimination committed by Contractor, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation.
- 10) **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION:** Any "Qualified individual with a Disability" as defined by the American with Disabilities Act who has submitted a bid and desires to attend the bid opening, must notify this office in writing not later than seven days prior to the bid opening date of their need for special accommodations. If the request cannot be reasonably provided, the individual will be informed prior to the bid opening.
- 11) **INDEMNITY:** Contractor agrees, upon receipt of written notice of a claim or action, to defend the claim or action, or take other appropriate measure, to indemnify, and hold harmless, the state, its officers, its agents and its employees from and against all claims and actions for bodily injury, death or property damages caused by the fault of the contractor, its officers, its agents, or its employees. Contractor is obligated to indemnify only to the extent of the fault of the contractor, its officers, its agents, or its employees. However, the contractor shall have no obligation as set forth above with respect to any claim or action from bodily injury, death or property damages arising out of the fault of the state, its officers, its agents or its employees.

12) CERTIFICATION OF NO SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT: By signing and submitting any bid for \$25,000 or more, the bidder certifies that their company, any subcontractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the General Services Administration (GSA), in accordance with the requirements in OMB Circular A-133. A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed via the internet at <https://www.sam.gov/index.html/#1>.

13) FEDERAL CLAUSES, IF APPLICABLE: ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE- The contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the mandate dictated by the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act which provides that each contractor or subgrantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the completion of work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.

CLEAN AIR ACT- The contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal Contracts, Grants or Loans of Facilities included on the EPA list of Violating Facilities.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT- The contractor hereby recognizes the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Conservation Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163).

CLEAN WATER ACT- The contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 508 of the Clean Water Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal Contracts, Grants or Loans of Facilities included on the EPA list of Violating Facilities.

ANTI-LOBBYING AND DEBARMENT ACT- The contractor will be expected to comply with Federal Statutes required in the Anti-Lobbying Act and the Debarment Act.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

BID NUMBER: SB01827 BID OPENING: 05/12/2021

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

- A. ITEMS PURCHASED THAT ARE PRODUCED, MANUFACTURED, ASSEMBLED, GROWN, OR HARVESTED IN LOUISIANA ARE SUBJECT TO PREFERENCE LAWS, SEE BELOW.
- B. PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTICS PRODUCT ACT: ITEMS MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES ARE SUBJECT TO PREFERENCE LAWS, SEE BELOW.

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A. In accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1604, a preference of 10% may be allowed for materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment which are produced, manufactured, or assembled in Louisiana, as defined in R.S. 38:2251(A), and which are equal in quality to other materials, supplies, products, provisions.

DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? YES _____ NO _____

SPECIFY ITEM NUMBER(S) _____

Specify location within Louisiana where this product is produced, manufactured, grown or assembled: _____

FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES.

Bidder shall provide with bid detailed information as to how the item qualifies for this preference. This preference may be allowed if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The cost of such items does not exceed the cost of other items which are manufactured, processed, produced, or assembled outside the state by more than ten percent.*
- (2) The vendor of such Louisiana items agrees to sell the items at the same price as the lowest bid offered on such items.*
- (3) In cases where more than one bidder offers Louisiana items which are within ten percent of the lowest bid, the bidder offering the lowest bid on Louisiana items is entitled to accept the price of the lowest bid made on such items.*

- B. In accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1604.7, Procurement of Domestic Products Act, a preference of 5% may be allowed for materials, supplies, product, provisions, or equipment which are manufactured in the Unites States and which are equal in quality to other material, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment.**

DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? YES _____ NO _____

SPECIFY ITEM NUMBER(S) _____

Specify location within the United States where this product is produced, manufactured, grown or assembled: _____

FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES.

Bidder shall provide with bid detailed information as to how the item qualifies for this preference. This preference may be allowed if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The cost of such items does not exceed the cost of other items which are manufactured outside the United States by more than five percent.*
- (2) The vendor of such items agrees to sell the items at the same price as the lowest bid offered on such items.*
- (3) In cases where more than one bidder offers items manufactured in the United States which are within five percent of the lowest bid, the bidder offering the lowest bid on such items is entitled to accept the price of the lowest bid made on such items.*
- (4) The vendor certifies that such items are manufactured in the United States.*

CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE

The following conditions, unless otherwise stated in the bid document, will apply to all purchase orders:

Merchandise must be accompanied by delivery slip or shipping list showing items shipped or delivered and the purchase order number. THE PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER must appear on all invoices, delivery memoranda, bills of lading packages and correspondence.

The University is not responsible for goods delivered or work done without a written order. No allowance for boxing or crating. Unauthorized quantities in excess of this order will be returned or held subject to shipper's order, expense and risk.

Contractor warrants that the merchandise to be furnished hereunder will be in full conformity with the specifications, drawing or sample and agrees that this warranty shall survive acceptance of the merchandise and that contractor will bear the cost of inspecting rejected merchandise.

All rejected goods will be held at contractor's risk and expense, subject to contractor's prompt advice as to disposition. Unless otherwise arranged, all rejected goods will be returned at contractor's expense.

Contractor will, at its expense defend the University against any claim that any merchandise to be furnished hereunder infringes a patent or copyright in the United States or Puerto Rico, and will pay all costs, damages and attorney's fees that a court finally as a result of such claim.

VENDOR INFORMATION SHEET

Please complete this page and the W9 form. The Vendor Information Sheet and W9 form should be completed by new and current vendors of the University and both completed documents should be submitted with bid response.

ORDER FROM NAME AND ADDRESS:

**NAME OF BIDDER MUST MATCH NAME ON ATTACHED W9 FORM.
NAME ON W9 FORM MUST AGREE WITH THE NAME ASSIGNED
TO FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER PROVIDED.**

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Telephone

FAX

E-Mail Contact Address

REMIT TO ADDRESS:

**NAME OF BIDDER MUST MATCH NAME ON ATTACHED W9 FORM.
NAME ON W9 FORM MUST AGREE WITH THE NAME ASSIGNED
TO FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER PROVIDED.**

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Telephone

FAX

E-Mail Contact Address

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.
See Specific instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____
Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ► _____

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Date ►

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

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1.0 Scope:

- 1.1 The University shall enter into an exclusive contract with an experienced, responsible, qualified vendor to furnish and manage pay-for-print services for student printing. Services provided under this agreement shall be at no cost to the University.
- 1.2 As a result of cost-saving and productivity improvement ideas focused on implementing a technology that would enable a pay-for-print solution for students who use printing resources in high print volume areas such as the University's Library, and computer labs, the University desires to operate approximately eight (8) separate public printing areas on the main campus. Approximately 30,502 color and 564,210 black and white impressions are printed from July 2016 – current date 2020 existing contract for the present pay-to-print kiosks in the locations referenced in the ITB document. The University does not guarantee a minimum number of impressions. **Note-these print totals were affected by COVID19 requirements for remote instruction from March 2020 – August 2020.**
- 1.3. The University's intent for the continuation of the pay-for-print management solution is to (1) contain printing costs for the campus; (2) provide fair and equitable access to print services in the most cost-effective and student-centered manner; and (3) reduce waste by providing financial and educational incentives to conserve resources.
- 1.4 The vendor managed pay-for-print management system shall include print vending software and hardware, maintenance and supplies, 24 hour/7 day a week on site service and support and integrated secured financial services. The Vendor must be a company normally engaged in providing vendor managed pay for print management services. Bidders should include with their bid response their qualifications to meet the bid specifications in terms of past and current experience.
- 1.5 Contractors will be responsible for the delivery and installation of equipment, implementation, maintenance and support of the services and overall management of pay-for-print at the specified locations in accordance with the bid specifications. University will provide on-site trouble shooting and replace contractor supplied toner, drums and fuses and fill printers with paper provided by the contractor. On-site storage locations of printer supplies and paper shall be provided by the University.
- 1.6 This contract shall be awarded on an all or none basis.

2.0 PAY-FOR-PRINT NO COST SOLUTION AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 *Service Standard.* The University will assist the vendor with service calls on the equipment and deliver and maintain paper and toner levels for the printer with paper and toner supplied by the vendor.

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- 2.2 *Service Guarantee.* The Vendor will be required to provide an uptime guarantee of 99.95% for services provided on a 24-hour, 7 days a week, when the University is open. If up-time on equipment external to the University does not meet 99.95% for more than a 30 minute interval, and is not due to internal University equipment or infrastructure issues, then the Vendor will be required to perform problem analysis review and provide results to University's designee within 24 hours. University will assist with trouble shooting problems.
- 2.3 *Pay-for-Print Solution Minimum Standards.*
- 2.3.1 Equipment and Services to be provided
- o Print Device/Unit/Kiosk to include a complete freestanding turnkey kiosk. The University logo shall appear on the touch screen monitor. The Unit shall include a Magnetic Strip Reader, minimum 19" touch screen monitor. Device size shall be no larger than 25" Wide X 30" Deep in order to keep the footprint of the device as small as possible. Height for regular kiosk should be no higher than 64 inches, and the height for a ADA accessible machine should be no higher than 46"
 - o Maintenance of vending hardware/software
 - o Supply all paper, toner. The University shall provide a designated location for on campus storage of toner and paper. The University will not accept any responsibility for vendor owned materials stored on the University premises. University will assist contractor by replacing toner, fuses, and drums in the printers that are provided by the contractor. University will monitor and fill printers with paper supplied by the contractor.
 - o Service maintenance of the system
 - o Supply materials/equipment for customer swipe cards. The card swipe must have the capability to accept credit cards and the University Colonel Card. The card swipe must be compatible with the University Colonel Card System which is Blackboard. The successful bidder shall also have the ability to provide pre-paid print cards, or on-line accounts where funds may be deposited for students to pay for prints. The user shall have the ability to pay for prints on the go or set-up an account to have print credits while using their Colonel Card, debit card, or any credit card.
- 2.3.2 Total printer management, maintenance and control will be taken care of by
- o Maintenance of all machinery/kiosks
 - o 24/7 Onsite service and support
 - o Providing University Information Technology Staff with Paper, toner, parts, and maintenance.
 - o Vendor assumes all responsibility for cost of implementation

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- o Provide and maintain a Support Website to include instructions for using the system, FAQs, instructions and electronic forms for reporting problems, process/procedures for refund requests, and printer/kiosk locations on site. The website URL will be communicated to University personnel.
- o Users of the solution should be able to delete or release print jobs from any machine across the network.
- o The vendor shall communicate all changes and their impact to the user to the designated University personnel.
- o Vendor will provide a solution that electronically creates and manage print accounts for members of the University community including students, faculty, staff and guests.

2.3.3 Customer printing options

- o Print any 8 1/2 x 11 document to Print Word documents
- o Print Power Point documents
- o Print Excel spreadsheets
- o Print PDF files
- o Print JPEG files
- o Print Microsoft Suite
- o Print from jump drive
- o Print from personal computer
- o Printing possible wirelessly from any location on campus
- o Print from smart phones
- o Prints in black and white and color
- o Print in duplex

2.3.4 Integrated financial services

- o Secured-verify card processing transactions-PCI Compliant
- o Student/Faculty/Staff Colonel Card account interface to University's Blackboard Transaction system.

2.3.6 Monthly reporting

- o The University requires that the vendor provide print analysis print statistics to designated University personnel which will include detailed information: kiosk locations, total pages printed, total print jobs across campus, total pages and total print jobs printed per kiosk, breakdowns of total print jobs submitted by web-upload, file-to-file print, and USB/Flashdrive, coupon revenue generated, and maintenance data with mean-time-to-repair. This can be provided with the monthly sales and rebate report

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2.3.7 Technical Requirements

- o Compatibility with IT infrastructure functions and standards such as:
 - 10/100/1000 Ethernet
 - Windows, Novel, Unix, Mac and Active Directory
 - Wireless Access
- o Provide Network security protocols, antivirus software, and malware software protections
- o Interface with the University network and information systems in a secure fashion
- o Provide maintenance of print servers: software or firmware updates, security, log management, and general repair
- o Provide operational failover planning in the event of a bad print server
- o Provide print server(s) **IF REQUIRED**, on campus for file-to-print functionality on campus. This will allow students the ability to print any document to the pay-to-print system. Students shall also have the ability to load the print drivers for the pay-to print system in the event they desire to load those drivers on their personal laptops. This will allow the ability to print to any print kiosk.
- o The Vendor's pay-to-print servers may be housed on location in an area to be identified by the University. They shall be located within a secure storage rack and monitored and maintained by a Vendor representative. The University shall not be responsible for any equipment while located on campus.

3.0 Qualifications of Bidders:

3.1 Vendor Qualifications Requirements

Vendors who wish to respond to this Bid must meet, at a minimum but not limited to, the following requirements and must submit proof with their proposal.

- 3.1.1 Vendor must have experience providing the services specified in the Bid, in volume/usage environments similar to Nicholls State University.
- 3.1.2 Vendor Management Team must have at least 5 years in the pay to print industry.
- 3.1.3 All equipment included per the contract will be owned and maintained by the awarded Vendor. Vendor provided equipment specifications must be compatible with size and space availability at the designated University sites and locations, and the current and future IT infrastructures; and be scalable across the campuses.

The University reserves the right to request any additional information.

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4.0. Contract Period:

4.1 The initial term contract between the University and the successful bidder will be for a three (3) year period beginning July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2024. At the option of the University and acceptance by the Vendor, this contract may be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. The contract shall not exceed five (5) years.

4.2 Termination

4.2.1 Termination for Convenience.

The contract may be terminated by either party by issuance of a one hundred twenty (120) day advance notice in writing.

4.2.2 Termination for Cause

The University may terminate this Contract for cause based upon the failure of the Contractor to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Contract; provided that the University shall give the Contractor written notice specifying the Contractor's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct said failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the University may, at its option, place the Contractor in default and the Contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. The Contractor may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the University to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract; provided that the Contractor shall give the University written notice specifying the University's failure and a reasonable opportunity for the state to cure the defect.

5.0 Terms of Compensation:

The University shall be compensated based on the total sales, less the applicable taxes the successful bidder has to pay. If the sale is recorded by the vendor at \$1.00, and 8% tax must be paid, then the total sale would be \$0.92 cents.

The Vendor shall provide a monthly report indicating the number of monochrome and color prints at each location. The report shall provide the total monochrome and color prints of all kiosks and the total rebate due to the University. This shall include all transactions that are paid by all payment methods, credit card, vendor print card, or Colonel Card.

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The University will generate an invoice that will be provided to the contractor to request payment or as documentation to make payment. The invoice will provide the total amount of the rebate owed to the University, less the amount of funds collected on the Colonel Card. Note – the report received from the Colonel Card Office will indicate the total number of sales received through the Colonel Card System. The 2% Colonel Card fee shall be subtracted from the total sales owed to the Vendor.

6.0 Print Prices:

- 6.1.1 The price for prints must include all charges and costs including shipping, equipment, supplies and maintenance) incurred in the delivery of services under this agreement. No allowance will be made at a later date for additional charges due to the Bidder's omission.
- 6.1.2 The University requires that the price for monochrome printing shall be no higher than \$.11 cents per page and \$.51 cents per page for color printing. Note – one (1) page is considered one (1) side of a piece of paper. The person printing shall be charged for two (2) pages for two (2) sided printing. (Printing on the front and back of a page)

7.0 Print Kiosk Locations:

- 7.1 The University and the successful bidder shall work together to determine location of print kiosks.
 - 7.1.1 The University has designated the following locations that shall receive print kiosks.
 - Powell Hall
 - Peltier Hall Room
 - Student Union
 - Ellender Library 1st Floor
 - Ellender Library 2nd Floor
 - Ellender Residence Hall
 - College of Education and Behavioral Science Building
 - Brady Apartment Complex Clubhouse

The University reserves the right to restrict locations of printer kiosks. However, the successful bidder may send an implementation team to review the locations prior to installation of the Kiosks to assist in locating the kiosks at the most favorable locations for all parties concerned

8.0 Taxes:

All applicable taxes and permits, Federal, State, Parish, and City, shall be paid by the Vendor.

9.0 Sub-Contracts and Assignment:

The successful bidder shall not sub-contract nor assign this contract without written permission of the University.

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10.0 Insurance:

Should the vendor be required to perform work on the University campus, then the Vendor shall comply with the attached "Standardized Insurance Requirements for State Agency Contracts" as part of this contract. The successful Vendor shall procure Workmen's Compensation for the limits specified in Louisiana Law or the state where company is located. Employer's Liability, and Auto Liability Insurance with an insurance company licensed in the State of Louisiana. Proof of said coverage must be submitted to the University prior to commencing operations by the issuance of a certificate of insurance. The certificate shall name the contract it was issued for, and name Nicholls State University as an additional insured and grant a waiver of subrogation.

11.0 Certificate of Authority

The successful contractor shall furnish a photocopy of the company's authority to do business in the State of Louisiana pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 12:301. If bidder does not presently possess such Certificate of Authority, then the proposer should with urgency contact the Louisiana Secretary of State Corporations Division (225-925-4704) regarding application. Application process may take several weeks to secure certificate and time is of the essence.

13.00 Conduct of Business:

13.1 The successful Vendor shall install all units in operating conditions no later than September 01, 2021. All printing kiosks provided must be in good working condition. Successful Bidder must provide trained, qualified repairmen available on call seven (7) days a week, at any hour, for emergencies.

13.2 Each machine must be clearly marked to show a telephone number to call in the event the machine is not in operation or out of paper or toner. Once a printing kiosk has been reported broken or in a non-operating condition, the Vendor shall take corrective action as soon as possible but no later than twelve (12) hours.

13.3 Each printing kiosk shall be well stocked with paper and toner at all times. The Vendor shall assist in keep all kiosks clean and in good working order.

13.4 The successful Vendor shall:

13.4.1 Maintain their printing kiosks and conduct their business in compliance with local, State, and Federal laws appertaining thereto and in compliance with general University business policies and practices.

13.4.2 Agree that they will contract for goods, services and employment in his firm's name and will not implicate the University directly or by inference in these transactions.

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- 13.4.3 Agree that during the terms of this contract, that the vendor and their employees will conduct themselves in a careful and prudent manner and that they will not permit the University facilities placed at their disposal to be used for purposes other than the operation of print vending.
- 13.4.4 Maintain separate records on each printing kiosk.
- 13.4.5 Make payment to the Nicholls State University Purchasing Department by the 15th of each month covering the operations of the preceding month.
- 13.4.6 Be solely responsible for the print kiosks placed in the designated location and the toner and paper. The University will not be liable for destruction or theft of the property of the vendor through vandalism or any other cause.
- 13.4.7 Purchase all licenses necessary for the conduct of these operations and shall pay local, State, and Federal taxes applicable to the operation of the print kiosks.
- 13.4.8 Keep separate and distinct records on each print kiosk. Payment to the University will include accounting that indicates the total prints (by number of units were applicable) and the total rebate paid for each printing kiosk. Records of the Vendor will be subject to inspection by a designated representative of the University. The University reserves the privilege of accompanying the representative of the successful bidder on calls to service the print kiosks.
- 13.4.9 Agree that upon the termination of the contract the vendor owned equipment shall be removed and the premises shall be surrendered in the same condition as when received, ordinary wear and use excepted.
(Ordinary wear and use
will be determined by the University).
- 13.4.10 The University reserves the right to add or delete printing kiosk locations. Specific minimum or maximum number print kiosk locations are not guaranteed by the University during the contract period. Accordingly, if additional machines are requested by the University, Contractor must provide same.
- 13.4.11 The University shall provide utilities and network access for the print
Kiosks - 115 volt AC electricity

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14.0 Marketing and/or Promotions

The successful bidder may actively provide marketing promotions through the printing kiosk. The University will receive the equivalent of a color rebate for each ad that is printed by a user from a kiosk. All advertisements, marketing campaigns and/or promotions shall be approved by the University prior to displaying on kiosk screens.

15.0. Miscellaneous:

- 15.1. It is agreed by both parties to this contract that the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and/or Nicholls State University shall have the right to audit all accounts, records, and documents of the Vendor which relates to this contract.
- 15.2 It is understood that all bid documents, attachments, specifications, and conditions shall constitute the contract.
- 15.3 Nicholls State University and eight (8) other institutions are governed by the University of Louisiana System Board. It is the intention of Nicholls State University that the successful bidder be authorized to extend the services requested under this bid to any/all of the institutions under the same terms as represented to NSU in the bidder's response, all in accordance with the provisions of L.S.A.-R.S. 39:1702(A). The other institutions may participate only if they choose to do so.

Other University of Louisiana System institutions:

Grambling State University	Grambling, LA
Louisiana Tech	Ruston, LA
McNeese State University	Lake Charles, LA
Northwestern State University	Natchitoches, LA
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond, LA
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette, LA
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Monroe, LA
University of New Orleans	New Orleans LA

- 15.4 The contract issued as a result of the award of this solicitation shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- 16.0 Colonel Card (Student & Faculty/Staff Stored Value Plan/All Access I.D. System)

In September of 2002, the University installed an All Access/I.D. system that incorporates a value stored plan that students can deposit money into, and use those funds via the card to purchase items from vending machines on campus equipped with card readers.

The successful bidder shall be required to pay two percent (2%) of the total gross sales of prints purchased with the Colonel Card through the system. The University records the purchases through the system. At the end of the month, a report is provided by the Colonel Card Office that provides the total gross monthly sales figure for prints purchased with the card. Please note that the Contractor shall record the monthly total gross sales of prints purchased with the card and include that figure in the gross sales and commission report that is provided to the University Purchasing Department.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN READ AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD, THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO FURNISH PAY TO PRINT MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SHALL BE PAID THE FOLLOWING REBATES :

TYPE OF PRINT	ESTIMATED PRINTS		RATE OFFERED	TOTAL
A) MONOCHROME	750,000	X	_____	= _____
B) COLOR	100,000	X	_____	= _____
GRAND TOTAL (A + B)			\$ _____	

C) Other Financial – Optional financial considerations offered by the bidder other than the rebates listed in A & B

IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNIVERSITY'S REBATE SHALL BE BASED ON TOTAL PRINTS LESS REFUNDS AND THAT PAYMENT OF ANY SALE OR USE TAXES SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNDERSIGNED AND MAY NOT BE DEDUCTED FROM GROSS RECEIPTS IN CALCULATING THE UNIVERSITY'S REBATE.

D) ANY Rental Cost for kiosks? YES___ NO ___

IF YES. STATE NUMBER OF KIOSKS RENT WIL BE CHARGED _____

X RENTAL FEE of \$_____ = TOTAL COST \$_____

BID SUBMITTED BY:_____

(please print or type name)

FIRM NAME _____

TITLE _____

DATE _____

Sample Contract

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE**

This agreement made and entered into this ____ day of ____ in the year Two Thousand ____ by and between the State of Louisiana, **NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY**, Thibodaux, Louisiana, herein appearing through _____, President, party of the first part and hereinafter termed the Owner, and _____, represented by _____, hereinafter termed the Contractor.

WITNESSETH, that the Owner and the Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter specified, agree as follows, that:

1. Bid package # _____ dated _____ containing specifications of the bid
2. Insurance Certificate and Hold Harmless Agreement
3. Letter of Acceptance Dated _____

are all hereby made a part of this contract to the same extent as if incorporated herein in full.

The Contractor agrees to furnish pay to print management service on campus. The location of these print kiosks shall be determined by the Owner.

This contract shall commence on **July 01, 2021**, and end on **June 30, 2024, the Initial Term**. The amount to be paid by the Contractor to the Owner shall be _____. It is further understood that the above rebate rate is fixed and shall apply for the entire term of this contract. The rebate rate shall be based on total gross receipts less refunds. Payment of any sale or use taxes shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

This contract shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals at Thibodaux, Louisiana, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY**

By: _____

Name of Contractor

By: _____

STANDARDIZED INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCY CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 6

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Before commencing work, the Other Party shall obtain at its own cost and expense the following insurance placed with insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana with A.M. Best ratings of **A-:VI or higher**. The Other Party shall provide evidence of such insurance as required by the Agency. The Certificates of insurance shall confirm that a thirty-day policy cancellation notice has been provided to the Agency for all of the following stated insurance policies. All cancellation notices shall name the Other Party and identify the agreement or contract number.

A. **Workers Compensation**

Workers Compensation insurance shall be in compliance with the Workers Compensation law of the State of the Other Party's headquarters. Employers Liability is included with a minimum limit of \$500,000 per accident/per person/per disease. If work is to be performed over water and involves maritime exposure, applicable LHWCA, Jones Act, or other maritime law coverage shall be included and the Employers Liability limit increased to a minimum of \$1,000,000. If A.M. Best's insurance company rating requirement may be waived for workers compensation coverage only.

B. **Commercial General Liability**

Commercial General Liability insurance, including Personal and Advertising Injury Liability, shall have a minimum limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000 and a minimum general aggregate of \$2,000,000. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability occurrence coverage form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. Claims-made form is unacceptable.

C. **Automobile Liability**

Automobile Liability Insurance shall have a minimum combined single limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000. The ISO form number CA 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. This insurance shall include third-party bodily injury and property damage liability for the following automobile coverage classes:

1. Owned automobiles
2. Hired automobiles
3. Non-owned automobiles

Location of operations shall be "All Locations".

Note: If the vendor/contractor does not own an automobile and an automobile is utilized in the execution of the contract, then only hired and non-owned coverage is acceptable. If an automobile is not utilized in the execution of the contract, then automobile coverage is not required.

D. **Professional Liability**

Professional Liability shall have minimum limit of \$1,000,000. Claims-made coverage is acceptable. This coverage may be listed in the "Special Conditions" of the bid/contract.

- E. If at any time an insurer issuing any such policy does not meet the minimum A.M. Best rating, the Other Party shall obtain a policy with an insurer that meets the A.M. Best rating and shall submit another Certificate of Insurance as required in the contract. Upon failure of the Other Party to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance as above provided, this contract, at the election of the Agency, may be suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Other Party to purchase and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve the Other Party from any liability or indemnification under the contract.

F. All Certificates of Insurance of the Other Party shall reflect the following:

- 1) The Other Party's insurer will have no right of recovery or subrogation against the Agency. It is the intention of the parties that the Other Party's insurance policies shall protect both parties and shall be the primary coverage for any and all losses that occur under the contract.
- 2) The Agency shall be named as an additional insured as regards negligence by the contractor. The ISO Form CG 20 10 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used when applicable.
- 3) The insurance companies issuing the policy or policies shall have no recourse against the Agency for payment of any premiums or for assessments under any form of the policy or policies.

G. The following Indemnification Agreement shall be a provision of the contract:

The Other Party agrees to save and hold harmless, protect, defend, and indemnify the State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, expenses and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur or in any way grow out of any act or omission of the Other Party, its agents, servants and employees, or any and all costs, expenses and/or attorney fees incurred by the Other Party as a result of any claim, demands, and/or causes of action, except those claims, demands, and/or causes of action arising out of the negligence of the State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, its agents, representatives, employees and volunteers. The Other Party agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, demands or suits at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claim, demand or suit is groundless, false or fraudulent.

- H. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and accepted by the Agency. Any and all deductibles shall be assumed in their entirety by the Other Party.
- I. All property losses caused by the actions of the Other Party shall be adjusted with and made payable to the Agency.
- J. Neither the acceptance of the completed work nor payment shall release the Other Party from the insurance requirements and indemnification agreement obligations.
- K. Additional insurance may be required on an individual basis for hazardous activities and specific service agreements. If such additional insurance is required for a specific contract, that requirement should be added to the list of required coverages found in the appropriate Exhibit.
- L. If the Other Party does not continue to comply with all of the insurance requirements at any time during the contract or at contract renewal, the Agency has the following options:
 1. Payments to the Other Party may be withheld until the requirements have been met;
 2. The Agency may pay any renewal policy premiums and withhold such payments from any monies due the Other Party;
 3. The Agency may suspend, discontinue or terminate the contract.

EXHIBIT A

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall purchase and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE

1. **Workers Compensation**

Workers Compensation insurance shall be in compliance with the Workers Compensation law of the State of the Contractor's headquarters. Employers Liability is included with a minimum limit of \$500,000 per accident/per disease/per employee. If work is to be performed over water and involves maritime exposure, applicable LHWCA, Jones Act, or other maritime law coverage shall be included and the Employers Liability limit increased to a minimum of \$1,000,000. A.M. Best's insurance company rating requirement may be waived for workers compensation coverage only.

2. **Commercial General Liability**

Commercial General Liability insurance, including Personal and Advertising Injury Liability, shall have a minimum limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000 and a minimum general aggregate of \$2,000,000. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability occurrence coverage form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. Claims-made form is unacceptable.

3. **Automobile Liability**

Automobile Liability Insurance shall have a minimum combined single limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000. ISO form number CA 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. This insurance shall include third-party bodily injury and property damage liability for owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.

B. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and accepted by the Agency. The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions.

C. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

- a. The Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured as regards negligence by the contractor. ISO Form CG 20 10 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used when applicable. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Agency.
- b. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary as respects the Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Agency shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor's insurance.
- c. Any failure of the Contractor to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
- d. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the policy limits.

2. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the Agency.

3. All Coverages

- a. Coverage shall not be canceled, suspended, or voided by either party (the Contractor or the insurer) or reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 days written notice has been given to the Agency. Ten-day written notice of cancellation is acceptable for non-payment of premium. Notifications shall comply with the standard cancellation provisions in the Contractor's policy.
- b. Neither the acceptance of the completed work nor the payment thereof shall release the Contractor from the obligations of the insurance requirements or indemnification agreement.
- c. The insurance companies issuing the policies shall have no recourse against the Agency for payment of premiums or for assessments under any form of the policies.
- d. Any failure of the Contractor to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

D. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

All required insurance shall be provided by a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located. Insurance shall be placed with insurers with a A.M. Best's rating of **A-:VI or higher**. This rating requirement may be waived for workers compensation coverage only.

If at any time an insurer issuing any such policy does not meet the minimum A.M. Best rating, the Contractor shall obtain a policy with an insurer that meets the A.M. Best rating and shall submit another Certificate of Insurance as required in the contract.

E. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Contractor shall furnish the Agency with Certificates of insurance reflecting proof of required coverage. The Certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Certificates are to be received and approved by the Agency before work commences and upon any contract renewal thereafter.

In addition to the Certificates, Contractor shall submit the declarations page and the cancellation provision endorsement for each insurance policy. The Agency reserves the right to request complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

Upon failure of the Contractor to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance as above provided, this contract, at the election of the Agency, may be suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Contractor to purchase and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability or indemnification under the contract.

F. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies OR shall be responsible for verifying and maintaining the Certificates provided by each subcontractor. Subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. The Agency reserves the right to request copies of subcontractor's Certificates at any time.

G. WORKERS COMPENSATION INDEMNITY

In the event Contractor is not required to provide or elects not to provide workers compensation coverage, the parties hereby agree that Contractor, its owners, agents and employees will have no cause of action against, and will not assert a claim against, the State of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents and employees as an employer, whether pursuant to the Louisiana Workers Compensation Act or otherwise, under any circumstance.

The parties also hereby agree that the State of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents and employees shall in no circumstance be, or considered as, the employer or statutory employer of Contractor, its owners, agents and employees. The parties further agree that Contractor is a wholly independent contractor and is exclusively responsible for its employees, owners, and agents. Contractor hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the State of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents and employees harmless from any such assertion or claim that may arise from the performance of this contract.

H. INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, save, and hold harmless, Nicholls State University, the State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, its officers, agents, servants, employees, and volunteers, from and against any and all claims, damages, expenses, and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur, or in any way grow out of, any act or omission of Contractor, its agents, servants, and employees, or any and all costs, expenses and/or attorney fees incurred by Contractor as a result of any claims, demands, suits or causes of action, except those claims, demands, suits, or causes of action arising out of the negligence of Nicholls State University, the State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, its officers, agents, servants, employees and volunteers.

Contractor agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, demands, suits, or causes of action at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claims, demands, suits, or causes of action are groundless, false or fraudulent.

EXHIBIT E
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

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_____ {Contractor/Lessee}, its agents, servants, and employees, or any and all costs, expenses and/or attorney fees incurred by _____ {Contractor/Lessee} as a result of any claims, demands, suits or causes of action, except those claims, demands, suits, or causes of action arising out of the negligence of the State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, its officers, agents, servants, employees and volunteers.

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Accepted by _____
Company Name

Signature

Title

Date Accepted _____

Is Certificate of Insurance Attached? _____ Yes _____ No

Contract No. _____ for

Nicholls State University
State Agency Name

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT: _____

